

Bowker: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

1738 November 9 (Thursday). My wife rode with me to visit upon the North side of the Town. Din'd at Captain Eagers and proceeded up to the Bowkers.

1740 July 8 (Tuesday). From thence I rode to Josiah Bowkers, call'd at John Bowkers.¹

1740 August 20 (Wednesday). Mrs. Rachel Bowker² visited us, and Din'd here, as did Dr. Smith likewise.

1742 May 23 (Sunday). I preached on the North side on 2 *Cor.*6.2 and baptized Josiah Bowkers Daughter *Damaris*.

1742 September 5 (Sunday). Mrs. *Rachel Bowker* of Marlborough dined with me.

1742 December 20 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Jno. Bowker and Matthias Rice here, as they were going to a meeting of both sides of the Town at Capt. Fays concerning Dividing the [parish?] etc.

1745 March 5 (Tuesday). Rode up to Mr. Asa Bowkers,³ and thence I proceeded (Major Keys⁴ my Company from thence) to Mr. Cushings, His little Daughter Molly (a Second Molly) being bad with the Throat Distemper.

1745 November 4 (Monday). Was at Mr. Livermores, Mr. James Ball's, at Mr. Wheeler Senior and thence to Mr. Josiah Bowkers, to the Funeral of one of his Children,⁵ another being very bad.

1745 November 6 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Holloway also, who informs us that Mr. Bowker has lost another Child and Captain Eager is worse. Lieutenant desir'd me to attend the Funeral of Mr. Bowker's Child⁶ at 2 p.m. which I did.

1745 November 21 (Thursday). Mr. Bowker bury'd a Third Child⁷ with the Same Distemper. I attended on the Funeral and visited Captain Eager at Eve.

1746 January 23 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Bowker here, likewise Mr. Aaron Hardy of Grafton.

1746 May 10 (Saturday). Greatly hinder'd by Mr. Josiah Bowkers being here to be Examin'd in order to his joining with others in laying the foundations of a Church in the North Precinct, but I

¹Of Westborough until 1741, when he moved to Marlborough. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 22

²The Daughter of John Bowker of Marlborough. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 330.

³Of Marlborough.

⁴John Keyes of Marlborough.

⁵Damaris Bouker or Bowker d. Nov. 2, 1745.

⁶Prudence Bouker d. Nov. 2, 1745.

⁷Dority Bouker d. Nov. 19, 1745.

advis'd him to wave it; besides that the Time was So short that there could be no opportunity for him to come again -- -and there would be enough for a Church without him.

1747 June 4 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter and his Joseph Bowker, and Mr. Samuel Harrington with good Team came and got Wood, a good pile. Lieutenant at 4 p.m. went to Mr. Whipples to private meeting. The rest stay'd.

1747 June 8 (Monday). Mr. Josiah Bowker call'd to see me just before I mounted to go to Marlborough.

1747 June 15 (Monday). At Eve Josiah Bowker here in Soul Concern. N.B. A Lye voluntarily confess'd. God grant remission! The conviction was ripen'd by Yesterday afternoon sermon.

1747 August 4 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Bowker and his wife from the Northside. Mr. Jenison -- several Neighbours more.

1747 August 11 (Tuesday). Association at Mr. Morse's, north Shrewsbury. Met Mr. Martyn at Mr. Josiah Bowkers.

1747 August 25 (Tuesday). P.M. Joseph Bowker examin'd.

1747 September 9 (Wednesday). At Eve Joseph Bowker brought me a Letter from Barrett which manifests some uneasiness on account of his coming to Mr. Graves t'other Day when I preach'd there. I immediately wrote him an answer, and sent it by the same Hand.

1747 September 29 (Tuesday). A number of Hands came and gather'd my Corn. Mr. Samuel Fay junior, Joseph Green junior, Edwards Whipple (who was a first mover) and p.m. John Chamberlin, John Rogers, Benjamin Tainter, Joseph Bowker. Had Mr. Tinneys Cart as well as my own.... At Evening husk'd. I know not of more than a small Number, and we provided accordingly, but there came (as I think they were counted) 34. Yet God was pleas'd to bless out Provision and he[?] had Considerable left. N.B. they finish'd at 10 o'Clock. Sang latter part of Ps. 4 in Tate and Brady. Through the Bounty of Providence a good Crop.

1748 March 7 (Monday). Heard that Mr. Asa Bowker's wife (a worthy woman!) dyed yesterday at Shrewsbury of a cancer.

1748 May 2 (Monday). Joseph Bowker came to work for me for 4 months, Wages 50 L, Old Tenor. Ebenezer and he brought my Cow (with her Calf) that had been kept at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 June 24 (Friday). Exceeding Hott dry Season. Joseph and Ebenezer mowing and raking. P.M. came Mr. Stephen Fay with a Warrant from Captain Edward Baker Esquire with which he press'd Joseph Bowker, my Young Man, into the service! I went over to the Captain to see if nothing could be done to release him. The Captain said he would do his utmost: and

accordingly Sent his son to try to hire Robert Cook, and he should offer him 50 L. Nay not come without him if 60 L would procure him. I am afraid of the Temptation of too great Anxiety -- but I beseech God to enable me to put my Trust in Him! and Committing all to Him, to be at Rest! Joseph went to Lieutenant Tainters who I am perswaded would do what in him lies. Two or Three Things made this impressing feel the worse. Its falling out at this Season, when I cannot get any Body in his stead; and it being on Friday when I was more disturb'd: (It was So exactly when Captain Baker press'd Thomas Winchester) And when they want but one Man out of the whole Town.

1748 June 25 (Saturday). Joseph Bowker is oblig'd to go to the Frontiers and accordingly left us. May God be his Guardian and his Helper, and return him in Safety!

1748 June 28 (Tuesday). Visited Neighbour Jonathan Rogers. Mr. Jason Whitney here and desires me to write to Colonel Ward about recalling Joseph Bowker; and I comply'd with it, and Sent it by him.

1748 June 30 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Jason Whitney brought a Letter from Colonel Ward to Captain Baker about recalling Joseph Bowker as I suppose.

1748 July 24 (Sunday). Flying News that Joseph Bowker was kill'd by the late Body of Indians between Hensdells and Fort Dummer.

1748 August 11 (Thursday). N.B. Letters from Joseph Bowker from Fort Pelham.

1748 December 12 (Monday). Joseph Bowker din'd here. I reckon'd with him and paid him all.

1749 May 11 (Thursday). I was at Mr. Billings's and at Mr. Asa Bowkers where was Mr. Cushing. Return'd at Evening.

1749 July 17 (Monday). Mr. Dunlop was So kind as to Reap gratis for me (which Joseph Bowker had done also whilst I was from home last Week).

1749 October 19 (Thursday). Joseph Bowker returns from Townsend, whither he went last Monday with Lieutenant Tainter to look of my Land there, and he brings me word that Lieutenant Tainter acquaints him that my 10 Acre Lot is gone.

1749 November 7 (Tuesday). N.B. at Mr. Martyns were several visitors p.m., particularly Mr. Asa Bowker of Shrewsbury and his Brother and sister Davis of Marlborough.

1749 November 20 (Monday). Nineteen persons, older and younger, Three with Teams, to get me wood. They got down to the Door 29 Load. They were Lieutenant Tainter with his Team and his Son, Mr. James Bowman with his Team and his son, Mr. Harrington with his Team and his son, Messrs. Martin Pratt, Daniel Hardy, Cornelius Biglo, William Pierce, Jonathan Forbush junior, Solomon Baker, Joseph Grout junior, Elijah Hardy, Thomas Hardy, Seth Miller, Daniel

Forbush junior, Joseph Bowker, and Samuel Bumpso. P.M. there came up such a snow storm as made 'em break off a little earlyer than they otherwise perhaps would have done.

1749 November 21 (Tuesday). My wife and I rode in our Slay to Lieutenant Tainters to the marriage of Joseph Bowker.

1749 December 23 (Saturday). N.B. Mr. Warrin and his feeble wife here, and Mrs. Bowker; and din'd here.

1750 February 23 (Friday). Thomas had a Ratteen Banyan made by Mrs. Lucy Bowker.

1750 May 24 (Thursday). Mrs. Bowker (heretofore Sarah Tainter) taken leave and goes to live at Summers.

1750 November 13 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Benjamin Tainter brought his wife to visit us. Their Brother Bowker and sister Elizabeth were then come from Sommers. They (except Bowker) supp'd here: as did Neighbour Obadiah Newton (who this Eve, plaster'd my Study Jaums anew; and pointed the Jaums in the Kitchen) and Samuel Bumpso.

1751 January 31 (Thursday). I went to Mr. Benjamin Woods but returned and din'd at the Doctors. I wish I could deal more plainly with the Doctor about his intemperate use of Spirituous Liquors -- yet had it over and over with him and gave him what Charge I could that he should abstain -- but I fear it is all in Vain. Mrs. Rachel Bowker there. Everyones Heart bleeds - - but we must leave it to God!

1751 June 6 (Thursday). Lucy Bowker at work here for Ebenezer turning his Camblet Coat.

1751 June 7 (Friday). Lucy Bowker still.

1751 June 10 (Monday). Lucy Bowker, who went home Saturday Night, here again to Day.

1751 June 19 (Wednesday). Lucy Bowker at Night.

1751 June 20 (Thursday). Lucy Bowker works here again for Ebenezer.

1751 June 22 (Saturday). Lucy Bowker here still

1751 November 21 (Thursday). Mrs. Rachel Bowker who came into Town with Mrs. Nanny Gott, came to see us a.m. Mrs. Nanny also return'd here.... Mrs. Bowker and Mrs. Nanny to Marlborough.

1751 November 25 (Monday). Lucy Bowker at work for my sons at the other House.

1751 December 10 (Tuesday). Mrs. Lucy Bowker P.M. at Work making me a Cloth Jacket.

1751 December 11 (Wednesday). Lucy Bowker here at work.

1752 March 28 (Saturday). Mrs. Lucy Bowker here a.m.

1752 August 17 (Monday). But a poorish Night, yet my wife tended me.... Mrs. Lucy Bowker makes a Coat for Alexander gratis -- and watches with me.

1752 October 12 (Thursday). Mrs. Lucy Bowker here p.m. cutting out several Garments for the little Boys.

1752 October 13 (Friday). Mrs. Lucy Bowker lodg'd here last night and is at work here to Day, making several of the Garments which She Cutt out Yesterday.

1756 June 6 (Sunday). Old Mrs. How, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. Bowker of *Simsbury* dined here.

1757 October 6 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Kendal from Suffield, and Mrs. Bowker, heretofore Sarah Tainter, lodged at Mr. Forb. last night.

1757 October 9 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter and her Daughters Forbush and Bowker and her sister Harrington dined here.

1758 April 7 (Friday). Mr. Joseph Bowker of *Simsbury* here.

1759 September 28 (Friday). Sarah is worse.... P.M. sundry women came to see her, viz. Mrs. Mary Bellows, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Nurse. And Mrs. Bowker of *Symsbury* and her two sons.

1760 January 14 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came (but without Deacon Bond though both were desired and both consented to) this Morning, to count the Money Collected yesterday. It amounted to L 45.14.1 old Tenor. With Deacon came his son Bowker and his Cousen Kendall.

1764 July 12 (Thursday). Mr. Bowker mowes for me, back of the Stables in each Inclosure; and in Bent meadow.

1764 July 30 (Monday). Mr. Bowker who was to have come to work for me disappoints me.

1764 July 31 (Tuesday). I go to Mr. Bowker and wait upon his doing one Jobb after another at his Shop, till I get him away to my work.

1765 January 14 (Monday). Visit Mrs. Bowker in her Husbands absence -- he being ill at his Fathers at *Sudbury*.

1765 February 8 (Friday). Mr. John Bowker dyed yesterday at his Fathers at *Sudbury*.

1765 February 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and I rode over to Deacon Bonds and dined there. Then visited old Deacon Forbes and his Sister Steward, Mr. Kendal, his Daughter Bowker etc.

1766 October 12 (Sunday). Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Bowker of Simsbury, dined here also.

1767 January 28 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Kendal, and Daughter Bowker, Mr. John Forb. and his wife from Brookfield and one Mr. *Palmer* with them.

1767 June 14 (Sunday). Several Widows were invited (Mrs. Judith Bellows, Mrs. Tryphena Bowker) but did not come.

1768 January 25 (Monday). Having waited as long as we could for Deacon Bond, the other Delegate, we stopped for him also at Lt. Bowkers. Proceeded to Rev. Mr. Morse's.

1768 November 20 (Sunday). Mr. Jameson dined here, as did Mrs. *Bowker* from Simsbury, accompanied by her sisters *Warrin* and *Kendall*.

1769 October 1 (Sunday). Besides our own Family and Company (who were 14) at Dinner we had Mr. *Joseph King* of *Suffield* and his Wife, who was Mrs. *Trypheena Bowker*.

1769 November 8 (Wednesday). Mr. *Joseph Bowker* of *Symsbury* here.

1771 September 29 (Sunday). Mrs. *Bowker* of *Simsbury* dined with us.

1772 June 20 (Saturday). Phinehas went with the Cow we call *Spot* to Lt. Bakers *Bowker* Place to Pasture.

1773 April 16 (Friday). Mrs. Bowker of Sym[*illegible*] here.

1778 September 27 (Sunday). Mr. *Barrett* of Hopkinton, Mrs. *Maynard* and Mrs. *Bowker* (honorable *Joseph's* Lady) from *Vermont*, dined here.

1778 October 5 (Monday). At Eve came Mrs. *Bowker* of *Rutland*, upon *Otter Creek*, to make us a Visit. She relates the wonderful Preservations which she, her Children and Neibours experienced when the British Forces drove them off from their settlements -- and many of the steps taken in erecting their New State of *Vermont*.

1778 October 6 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at the Widow, Mrs. *Mehitabel Brighams* on Rev. 2.10, latter part. Mrs. P_____ rode there with me. Mrs. *Bowker* also attended: so did a Number of Young Gentlemen.

1779 November 9 (Tuesday). P.M. Mrs. Bowker and her sister Bowman of Oxford make us a visit.

1780 June 27 (Tuesday). Mr. Josiah Bowker and his Wife, with Deacon Wood's Wife, make us a Visit, and drink Tea here.

1781 March 22 (Thursday). I visited Mrs. *Lucy Forbush* (wife of Ebenezer) on account of the Death of her Brother Mr. Charles Bowker by a Cancer.